REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present submission is provided in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. This amendment and RCE are submitted in response to the Final Office Action of April 29, 2005, in which claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e), as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,702 to Adar. Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been amended. Claim 10 has been canceled. The Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented herein. No new matter has been entered.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e):

Claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e), as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,702 to Adar. The Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejections of claims 1-14 and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California,* 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Moreover, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the * * * claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.,* 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

To anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102, a single source must contain all of the elements of the claim. *Lewmar Marine Inc. v. Barient, Inc.,* 827 F.2d 744, 747, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766, 1768 (Fed. Cir. 1987), *cert. denied,* 484 U.S. 1007 (1988).

Moreover, the single source must disclose all of the claimed elements "arranged as in the claim." *Structural Rubber Prods. Co. v. Park Rubber Co.,* 749 F.2d 707, 716, 223 U.S.P.Q. 1264, 1271 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

Applicants' claims 1 and 5 recite, respectively, a method and storage medium for identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred web site links over a communications

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network via a web key tool, comprising: "receiving a request from a user client system to incorporate information relating to a web site into said web key tool;

launching said web key tool;

selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by said web key tool, wherein said option relates to said request to incorporate said information;

associating said information with a category;

transmitting said information to a central storage location associated with said web key tool;

processing the information, the processing resulting in approved information, the processing including:

checking to ensure that the information is complete;

checking to ensure that the information is not redundant; and

verifying that a user at the user client system is authorized to submit the request;

saving the approved information in said central storage location;

updating related database files with respect to said approved information; and

providing access to said approved information via said communications network to authorized system users."

Adar does not teach or suggest each and every element recited in Applicants' claims 1 and 5. In particular, Adar is devoid of teaching or suggesting "processing the information, the processing resulting in approved information, the processing including: checking to ensure that the information is complete; checking to ensure that the information is not redundant; and verifying that a user at the user client system is authorized to submit the request." Further, Adar does not disclose performing the aforementioned 'processing' elements in response to receiving a request to incorporate information relating to a web site, i.e., in Adar's terms, adding a new bookmark. Rather, Adar teaches that adding a new bookmark is done in an editing window (Adar, Fig. 5; col. 8, lines 41-56). Information relating to the new bookmark may be manually entered (Adar, col. 8, lines 46-49), or may be automatically imported using a quick-add feature (col. 7, lines 55-63). In either instance, however, the new bookmark is forthwith added to the list 212; that is, a list of bookmarks shared by multiple users. As recited in

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Applicants' claims 1 and 5, intermediate information processing steps are performed to ensure, e.g., that the bookmark being entered is not redundant. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and drawings (e.g., Fig. 2, steps 222-224; specification, page 8, lines 5-10). The Adar reference mentions analyzing 'newness' of a bookmark entry, but does not make it an integral part of a bookmark adding procedure. Moreover, the 'newness' determination as disclosed in Adar refers to the currency of the bookmark information and not to a check for redundancy of multiple instances of a bookmark (see, e.g., col. 6, lines 35-46). Clearly, this feature recited in Applicants' claims 1 and 5 prevents the addition of redundant or less-than-useful bookmarks. For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 1 and 5 are patentably distinct from Adar. Claims 2-4 and 13 depend from what should be an allowable claim 1. Claims 6-8 and 14 depend from what should be an allowable claim 5. For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 1-8, 13, and 14 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is requested.

Amended claim 9 recites a "system for identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred web site links over a communications network via a web key tool, comprising:

an organization, comprising:

a server executing a web key tool;

a client system;

a data storage device for providing a centralized storage location for said preferred web site links;

an administrative client system for controlling access to said data storage device and managing operations provided by said web key tool;

a network link for allowing said server, said client system, said administrative client system, and said data storage device to communicate with each other; and

a link to a second server, wherein said second server provides a source for said preferred web site links;

wherein the web key tool is launched in response to receiving a request from the client system to incorporate information relating to a web site into said web key

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tool, the web key tool performing:

      associating said information with a category;

      transmitting said information to the central storage location;

      processing the information, the processing resulting in approved

information, the processing including:

      checking to ensure that the information is complete;

      checking to ensure that the information is not redundant; and

      verifying that a user at the client system is authorized to submit the

request;

      saving the approved information in said central storage location;

      updating related database files with respect to said approved information;

and

      providing access to said approved information via said network link to

authorized system users."

The Applicants submit that claim 9 is patentably distinct from Adar for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claims 1 and 5. Notwithstanding, it is believed that claim 9 is patentably distinct from Adar in and of itself. In particular, Adar does not teach or suggest "an administrative client system for controlling access to said data storage device and managing operations provided by said web key tool." In fact, there is no mention in Adar of an administrative client system. Thus, claim 9 recites limitations that are not found in the Adar reference. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that claim 9 is not anticipated by Adar and is in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 11 and 12 depend from what should be an allowable claim 9. For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 9, 11, and 12 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested. It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks should render the case in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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